

Section II: REMARKS

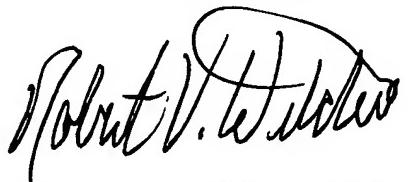
It is respectfully requested that the changes as noted above in Section I be made to the present application.

In the above-referenced Office Action, which was mailed on 7/13/2005, claims 1-19 were provisionally rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-21 of co-pending Application Number 10/007,064, and claims 10-18 were rejected under 35 USC 101 as being directed to non-statutory subject matter. Those rejections are respectfully traversed. However, in order to further the prosecution of the present application, and without waiving any of applicant's rights to argue the allowability of the originally presented claims in a subsequent appeal or other proceeding in the event that the Examiner does not concur that the present amendment places the application in condition for allowance, applicant has cancelled claims 10-18 without prejudice. Applicant has also enclosed an executed Terminal Disclaimer with respect to the above-identified co-pending application thereby obviating the provisional rejection of claims 1-19 as noted above.

Therefore, as herein amended, claims 1-9 and 19 are believed to be in condition for allowance, an early notice of which is hereby requested. If any outstanding issues remain, or if the Examiner has any further suggestions for expediting the allowance of this application, and especially if one or more new references are cited, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number indicated below, prior to the issuance of another Office Action, in order to allow the applicant the opportunity to further amend the claims by Supplemental Amendment or Examiner's Amendment, as may be appropriate, to place the

claims in condition for allowance. The Examiner's attention to this matter is greatly appreciated.

Respectfully submitted,



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